

**From:** Carl Johnson  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

The attached letter is offered as support for the settlement planned for the Microsoft anti-trust case.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to show my support for the settlement planned for the Microsoft anti-trust case. In my opinion, the legal action taken was unnecessary and cost the taxpayers' millions of dollars. As a result, the opportunity to compromise should be accepted without further delay.

It is my understanding that Microsoft has taken several actions with this deal that should satisfy its opponents. They will offer competitors the opportunity to operate their software within the Windows platform; in addition, Microsoft will provide unprecedented access to its internal interfaces and server protocols. Competitors will also enjoy the ability to license Microsoft's intellectual property as well.

I believe that this agreement was mediated fairly and will help Microsoft's rivals compete with Microsoft over market share in the coming years. Please allow this deal to proceed, so that Microsoft can focus on what they do best ... creating great technology.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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